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SCHACHT ARISTEGUIETA

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FROM THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AWARE AS I AM OF YOUR OWN DEEP INTEREST IN THE FORTH-
COMING QUITO MEETING AND THE KEY ROLE YOU PERSONALLY
HAVE HAD, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I WISH I COULD
BE WITH YOU AND OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY
FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT
WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE
TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDER-
STAND HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING THE AREA, AND
THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.

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BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY DEPUTY

AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO REPRESENT ME
AT THE QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WILLIAM ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL MAILLIARD. I
HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM. THEY WILL, OF

COURSE, BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS
OF THE TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL REPORT
OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WHEN THEY RETURN.

I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE
QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE FINAL RESULT.

BEST WISHES,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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